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THE PASTOR'S PLACE

TOUCHES AND INCLUDES ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF THINGS

THE PULPIT'S DISTINCTIVE POWER

Controls the Highest and Noblest of All Offices—The Pastor Should Live, How? The Power of the Press, He, Who is Equal to the Demands of the Hour.

There seems to be no end and no beginning to the work of the Ministry.

It touches and includes within its compass all sorts and conditions of things, in the heavens above, and the earth beneath, and the waters under the earth, and in the soul of man; it deals with things human; it deals with things divine; it deals with things physical; things metaphysical; things natural; things supernatural, mental, moral and spiritual. In at least the form of the speech; if not the speech itself, which Ruth addressed to Naomi, it says to all these things: Where you go, I go; where you lodge, I lodge; your interests are my interests; your work is my work; your truth is my truth, and your God is my God.

Preaching has been hitherto a very effective and much appreciated factor in the development of social life and has helped very much to make society what at present it is.

It was by a sermon that the movement was inaugurated which has since grown into Christendom, and which is now by more silent though not less patent agencies visibly overspreading the earth.

Men went forth preaching Jesus and the Resurrection, and from their generation we date, not our year only, but a new movement of human society which is filling the world. That was true of preaching once. Is it true of preaching now? Is preaching equally valuable and important now? Or, has it become a thing out of date, a venerable institution which has survived in form, but has lost its function in the vast and varied and more highly developed economy of the modern social life?

Many do not care about preaching. Some care for eloquent preaching, but chiefly because it is eloquent and not because it is preaching. Many congregations have in them earnest and interested worshipers, but there are many in them that are not earnest nor interested and there are many who do not go to church or else go very seldom. So we find, as a rule, people do not attach so much importance to preaching as people formerly did, And why? Is it the fault of the preacher? To some extent I think it is. But it is not altogether his fault. It is due in a measure to causes for which he is not responsible, but which he, never-the-less must try to overcome.

The art of printing has a great deal to do with it. In these days of cheap literature and a public library in every town and a private one in almost every house; when the sermons of a Beecher, a Spurgeon, a Brooks, a Turner and a Grant can be purchased for the small fraction of a dollar; when magazines and periodicals are freighted down with religious and theological lore, when words spoken in all the great pulpits of Christendom can be so soon delivered on their study table, people think, why should they go to church to receive religious instruction by listenting to a sermon?

But that is not the only reason—people do not attach so much importance to preaching to-day. So much of the preaching to-day seems to be preaching to yesterday, or about yesterday. It does not touch as it ought the contemporary life and grapple with its problem, its duties, its difficulties and its dangers. Then again there is in preaching at times too much of the other worldliness. Instead of making it appear that the religion of Jesus Christ is chiefly for the present, preachers produce on men the impression that it is chiefly for the future, disclosing to them the joy of some future heaven, or the pains of some future hell, and they get the idea that the principle function of the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is to escape at last the latter and receive at last the former. Whereas, the preachers ought to teach that the purpose of the religion of Jesus Christ is not to help men die right and get to heaven after they die, but it is to help them live right and get to heaven before they die.

It is of to-day and not of yesterday that the preacher must preach. He must have a knowledge of what to-day is. Society to-day is not simple in its composition, but multiform and complex. The tendencies in it are not only numerous, but various and often, indeed contrary; they run in different directions and currents and are proceeding in them in different paths. That is what makes society to-day so interesting. It has within it so much of the exuberance of life and so much of the heterogeneousness of life that to succeed the preacher must have at least three distinctive qualities; grace, learning and common sense.

The distinctive power of the pulpit is its personality; not primarily what it says, though that of course is important, but who says it; otherwise, a phonograph or a telephone would do.

Sometimes, in some cases persons are harmed more by going to church than if they had stayed away. Have you yourself not been to some particular church and heard from the pulpit that which irritated and exasperated you and made you worse? We have all had such an experience. And then again we have had another and very different experience and have felt as we listened to some men preach that we would like to listen to them often. They helped us so much; they inspired us; they seemed to touch and awaken what was best and purest, what was divinest in us and to bring it out and express it and to make it for a time at least, ascendant and dominant in us. And why? Because it was a personal message for us. A message which in their innermost souls they had found to be good and felt to be true and which produced an echoing response in us.

It may have been some truth which we already knew; some very familiar truth and yet, as the preacher preached it, it seemed like something new, and to have in it something new and it did have. It had the preacher in it—he had made the truth his own; he had wrought it out and fought it out and won it for himself. He was not simply disclosing and making known the faith once delivered to the saints, nor telling us what had been always and everywhere and by all received, he was telling us by his own living thought, his own living experience what he had made his own. It was the travail of his soul, and we saw it and felt it and were satisfied.

The ministerial office is the highest and noblest of all offices, and yet, I think it a great mistake to regard that office so as to make it like a fence, and a high fence, difficult to get over, between the man on one side and his fellowmen on the other. A pastor should live simply as a man among men, as an honorable high-minded man, living like other honorable high-minded men, trying to win their confidence and to secure their respect; not because of his office but chiefly because of himself; and, if there is a difference between them let it be a difference in man hood and character and not in official status.

He should know how to direct and lead and be an example to men because he is of and among them, in sympathy with all that is natural, with all that is human in them.

He should not be worldly but he should understand the world. He should not be a participant in wrong-doing, but he should know what wrong-doing is and to the wrong-doer he should know how to speak a strong and searching word. And to you sir who has recently come among us, we bid you welcome. We feel that you are a man that will be equal to the demands of the hour. We feel that you will not lower our standard, but will waive it aloft to the breeze and let Old Bethel float with a master mind, you will see what manner of people we are and only with a master hand will you be able to steer us safe into port.

We give you the words of our own Whitcomb Riley which so aptly and fittingly express our own sentiments toward you.

The kind of man for you and me
He faces the world unflinchingly;
And smites as long as the wrong resists
With a knuckled faith and force-like fists.
He lives the life he is preaching of,
And loves where most there is need of love.
And feeling still with a faith half glad
That the bad are as good as the good are bad,
He strikes straight out for the right; and he
Is the kind of man for you and me.

MRS. EMMA BERTHA SHEPHERD.

BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS,
Jersey City, N. J. President of the Afro-American Council.

News in General.

Peoria, Ill., Special.—The A. M. E. love feast convened at Wards Chapel on Monday evening with a large attendance. Presiding elder not being present Rev. Wilkerson acted chairman. Mrs. Dorothy Oliver, grandmother of Mrs. H. C. Gibson, was severely burned Wednesday at her home, 503 Spencer street. She died at 6 o'clock that evening. There was a mask sociable given at Wards Chapel, Thursday evening. two prizes were awarded to the finest and funniest costumes. The prizes: First, a turkey dressed with oysters; second, a chicken—first prize won by Miss Eva Harper; second, Mr. Robert Moody. Mrs. Ivan Harper after a two-weeks' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hoggatt at Chicago, returned Monday. Rev. Wilkinson preach a splendid sermon last Sunday evening. His subject was "The Christian Race." The mask sociable proved such a success Thursday evening, there was another given on the Monday following. Friends of Curtis McGee gave him a grand surprise Friday night the 17th. It was an enjoyable affair. After refreshments was served the evening was spent at whist until a late hour. Mt. Zion Baptist church gave a fair during Thanksgiving week. Last evening Martin Journey, the esteemed stereotyper of The Star, gave a 'possum supper to a choice circle of his friends at his residence, corner of Monson and South Bluff streets. Miss Minnie Early is on the sick list. Mrs. Jessie Farymer is visiting her mother in Keokuk, Ia. On account of an off day, Slayton's Jubilee Singers spent Monday in our city; they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopkins at their residence 216 Fayette street. The Eight Hour Club gave a grand party on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Downing of South Peoria, Friday evening. They have gone to live in Chicago. We hope them success. There was a grand debate at Mt. Zion Baptist Lyceum Monday evening. The subject was, "Capital Punishment Shall Be Abolished." Affirmative, A. Whiteside and E. Johnson. Negative, William Davis and Victor Toels; the affirmative winning. A large crowd attended. Miss Elnora Stanford, formerly of this city now of Jacksonville, Ill., is visiting her parents in this city. Mr. William A. Taylor of Indianapolis, Ind., brother of Maj. Taylor, the cyclist, spent a few days in our city last week.

Our Christmas Number

If you miss the Christmas Number this year you will miss a treat. Twenty-four pages, fine book paper, richly illustrated. Don't miss it. Single copies five cents.

A NOBLE TEXASONIAN

IS RISING—HAS MADE HIS WAY FROM THE SCHOOL-ROOM

TO A POSTAL RAILWAY CLERK

Educated in His Native State for a Teacher—He is Still Looking for Greater Things in the Future.

This is an age of history making with the ambitious and enthusiastic young men—while this evolution is in progress, they will either make a good history or a bad one.

We are living in the May morning of life. Every student of history and a scientific mind, will admit that, we are standing in the twilight of the twentieth century—we who are interested in current literature and the publication of race journals, are willing to step from the editorial desks, and halloo hurrah for the twentieth century young men, who have fixed purposes in view.

The writer calls the thousand subscribers of The Freeman's attention to a rising young man, whose photo appears in this issue, vis. Mr. J. Q. A. Kelley of Texas, who was born in the "Lone Star" state in 1864—attended the public schools of his state—graduating with high honors. Young Kelley feeling that he was called to instruct the youth—knowing that it took high-class teachers for "Grand Old Texas," he after teaching five or six years, found his way to Prearie View normal university, Hempstead, Tex., an in

stitution which prepares you not only for a teacher, but you are prepared to meet the cold business world and educated men out upon the thoroughfares of life. Mr. Kelly after spending four or five years in the above named institution graduated with the honor of being one of the greatest debaters in college.

The young Texasonian has held many positions of honor and trust in his state. He was for four years president of the State Teachers' Association, also county president. He has taught all grades of schools, from a county to that of a city principal.

In 1895 Mr. Kelly took the civil service examination, and while there were a large number of white applicants, he was among the few who passed less than five months, he received an appointment, and was called to Jeffersonville, Ind., to serve the government. True to his trust he proved faithful, and has held the position since 1895, with ease. Resigned a few months ago to accept a higher position as railway postal clerk, a kind of promotion for excellent labor. Mr. Kelly's home is still Jeffersonville. Since his arrival in that business city, he has made a number of friends. He is ambitious and a ready debater. Mr. Kelly is posted on the current issues; his language is chaste and his thoughts are deep and wholesome. Just what this bright young man has done, other young men can do. Mr. Kelly is still expecting higher things at the hands of the government in the near future. He is a young man, and has plenty of time to reach the goal and he'll do it.

He is a Christian young man of quiet and sober habits, his life is wholly of emulation—Young men, see!

It is just such material as J. Q. A. Kelly that the world is looking for these days. The world wants those who waits not for opportunities but those who will make opportunities. Those who will not wait for things to turn but those who will [illegible] up. Those who will look the [illegible] face and have patience.

I close this article by saying Mr. Kelly will be found at 731 W. Walnut street, Louisville, Ky., for a while. He was in a wreck on the morning of the 14th, two of his ribs being fractured. He is receiving medical attention and will recover. The God of retribution was with him; he is still left to inspire other young men, I bespeak for him a bright future.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

The race is making great progress along all lines but in none seemingly is there greater impetus than in literature, journalism and racial manhood, all tending to help the white man unshoulder his burden, of prejudice, for which there is no excuse, and in which there is not a grain of logic and less common sense.

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It is not good breeding, not manly and to say the least, not courageous for any member of the race to assail individuals of the white race, in papers they do not take, in fact it is wrong any way to stab a man in the back. The white man of the South is slowly emerging from the seriousness of the civil war and while the severities of that awful tragedy linger faintly in his memory he will be prejudiced to some extent to the North and the Negro. The South is gradually recovering. Let us be patient and wait.

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Gradually a new and higher place is made for the Negro as the Negro makes progress. The passing decades will show that retrospection is a living witness and history will not be written to record only the achievements of white soldiers, to applaud only the glory of the flag held from disgrace by the white officer. We can say Colonel, Major, Capt., Lieut. and many other invigorating ensigns, titles, etc., added to the race's vocabulary. This the present administration has done for the Negro. Let the race take new heart and feel individually all the honor heaped on the American Negro and be true to our brave boys now fighting for our American honor in the Philippines.

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Those fellows who are always advocating emigration to Africa should be reminded that a missionary work is needed here in the United States and that the Negro is the best of the missionaries engaged in the work. There are upwards of a million uncivilized and barbaric Americans on this side of the pond, who need to be taught the spirit of meekness, manhood and long suffering. The Negroes qualities added to the best traits of the American citizen make the best kind of a man the world can offer. The North and South both bow to Washington, Council, Knox, Bishop Grant and a few lesser lights and this is an assurance that peace and good will, high respect for law and order, patient, earnest, lofty citizenship will some day bedeck the brow of every man alike.

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As Christmas approaches the Negroes of America and other parts of the civilized world are reminded of the Holiday Anniversary number of The Famous Freeman. Methinks I can see the greatest writers of the race now jotting down assiduously now and then a gem of thought for the collective heap which shall help to swell the acme current of Negro intelligence of the present time. Doubtless the erudite manager has taken The Freeman telescope from its pedestal and cast about the intellectual skies for the planets to note their places and to weigh their specific gravity. We make this prediction that The Freeman of the coming Holiday will be all that the manager anticipates and every one will be satisfied. M. A. MAJORS.

Local Pickups.

Lincoln, Ill., Special.—Miss Sarah Smith is spending a few days visiting her mother of Pekin, and father here. Mrs. Sarah Perkin is able to be out again. Miss Susan Davis of Springfield, spent a few hours in our city Sunday. Mr. Alfred Dyer is getting better again. Miss Lilly White left last Thursday for Decatur to spend a few days visiting her parents, Miss Pattie Oundys is not as well as usual. Miss Una Martin is lying very low. Mrs. Addie Mines, of Chicago is the guest of her sister Mrs. Arter. The Up-to-date Club gave a coon and 'possum supper Friday evening Nov. 24. The Second Baptist Church was successful in clearing $16.45. Mr. J. W. Rhodes left Sunday morning for Peoria to visit with her children. Rev. Clemens left Springfield for his home in Iowa. Miss Ruth Hardin has returned from Attance.

News in General.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.—The smallpox scare is over and services were held at the respective churches Sunday. Rev. H. R. McMillan and J. D. Humphrey returned from the state convention at Texarkana and filled their respective pulpits Sunday. Rev. W. McIntosh, pastor of Brown's Chapel C. M. E. church will preach his farewell sermon Sunday. He leaves next week for Holly Grove the seat of the annual conference. Hon. and Mrs. G. W. Walker, of Surrounded Hill were in the city Thursday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lynch. Mrs. T. C. Ogburn is visiting friends in Little Rock. Rev. A. R. Dobbins preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning. Dr. E. M. Jones, Cotton Plant's successful physician was in the city last week on business. The Young Men's Chrysanthemum Social Club will elect new officers at their next meeting. Mrs. L. Pleasant of Forrest City passed through the city Saturday en route home from Cotton Plant. Rev. J. L. Vance was in Pine Bluff attending the South Arkansas Conference. Rev. H. C. Beasley the newly appointed Presiding Elder of the New Port District was in the city Sunday the guest of Rev. A. R. Dobbins and preached an able sermon at the evening service. The C. W. R. A. is moving along nicely under the principalship of Prof. J. P. Gettis. Messrs. E. W. Smith and W. E. Rooks visited the conference this week at Mariana. Mrs. W. K. White is on the sick list. Rev. W. H. Rooks is having his home remodeled. Revs. A. M. White and J. A. Sharp were in the city last week, enroute to Little Rock. Misses Ella Coleman and Martha Laws left Friday to attend Shorter University. Leave orders for The Freeman at Howell and McNeal's Grocery.

Foul Play Suspected.

Enfaula, Ala., Special—A telegram recieved here on the 14th, announced the death of Hamp Wade whose relatives reside here. Mr. Wade was killed in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. Foul play is suspected. The body was shipped here as it was found and marks upon it caused people, who viewed it, to believe that all was not right. The facts of the case are yet unknown. The funeral was largely attended from the St. John A. M. E. Church, by Rev. W. C. Banton. He leaves a wife and nine children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Read The Freeman and keep posted. The Christmas Number of The Freeman is on the way. Send in your orders to the agent W. H. Wallace, for a copy.

A Popular Representative

The Freeman's popular representative among the sleeping-car porters is T. A. Crenshaw, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Crenshaw is a regular reader and an admirer of The Freeman. Any favors shown him in behalf of The Freeman will be highly appreciated.

Thirty Tons of Spruce Gum.

The spruce gum of crop of Maine of 1899 has been harvested and sent to market. It has proved to be the largest crop in the history of the state —thirty tons, worth $63,000. This is all collected by the lumbermen, and contains considerable bark and chips, but is sorted over by the thrifty Yankee, who sells it to the trust.

An interesting and peculiar thing in connection with the gum crop is the fact that the harvesters have combined to crush the trust. They will sell none of their product to any dealer who does not give his promise that no gum handled by them shall be manufactured and put on the market by the trust.

A Balloon Bridge.

A French aeronaut has invented a "balloon bridge," which is not a bridge sustained by balloons in the air, but supported by small balloons or air bags on the surface of the water. For a river 100 yards wide 200 bags are required, and 100 men can build the bridge in less than an hour. A platform of twenty-one wooden rafts, end to end, and tied by ropes is laid upon the bags. This new pontoon is actually in use in the French army.

A Fighting Family.

A monument recently placed in a cemetery in Louisville, Ky., bears inscription to the memory of John E. Austin, a soldier of the revolution; J. Allen Austin, his son, a soldier of the war of 1812; James Grigsby Austin, his grandson, a soldier of the war with Mexico, and James Richard Gathright, his great-grandson, a confederate soldier, who was killed at Mufreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1863. All were privates.

Plenty of Kilts.

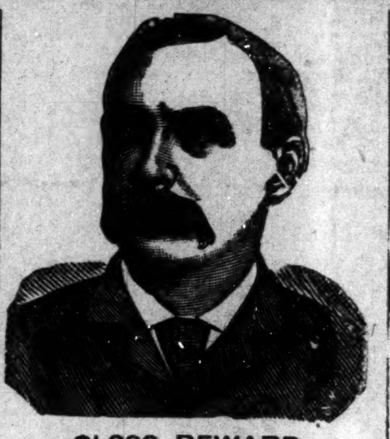
A Scottish paper says that between 150,000 and 200,000 kilts are made every year. The kilted regiment of regulars, militia and volunteers number some seventeen battalions. To these may be added the pipers, belonging to Lowland regiments, making in all about 14,000 men. As the military kilt is only provided biennially, this represents a supply of 7,000 each year.

Hollanders Smoke Most.

The Hollanders are perhaps of all the northern people those who smoke the most, the humidity of their climate making it almost a necessity while the moderate cost of tobacco with them renders it accessible to all. To show how deeply rooted is the habit, it is enough to say that the boatmen of Holland measure distances by smoking.

Elephants Have Eight Teeth.

Elephants have only eight teeth, two below and two above on each side. All Baby elephants' teeth fall out when the animal is about 14 years old and a new set grows.



$1,000 REWARD

DR. SHEA MARVELO MEDIUM,

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RICH, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL

with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicited; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in senses as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon Chas Miller, capitalist 2481 Atlantic Avenue the Hon Wm. Denmore, architect and builder 47 Cleveland avenue, and Arthur Sewell ship-builder, South Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St Louis Memphis and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn Aug, 15.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I have been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr Shea I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once. Sincerely

Albert Ayres,

2937 Atlantic avenue

Brooklyn, Aug 15,—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead Hearing of the wonderful things Dr Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true He is home now came back like one from the dead I also wish to say that this month I lost $250 I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do Sincerely

Mrs. Mary Miller Smith,
Plainfield N. J.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT:

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs Brown. 37 Gay street. No one seemed to understand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself, I found him a sympathetic gentleman He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient,s hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at once what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truly and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind. Rev William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

Dr. Shea can show thousands such as the above.

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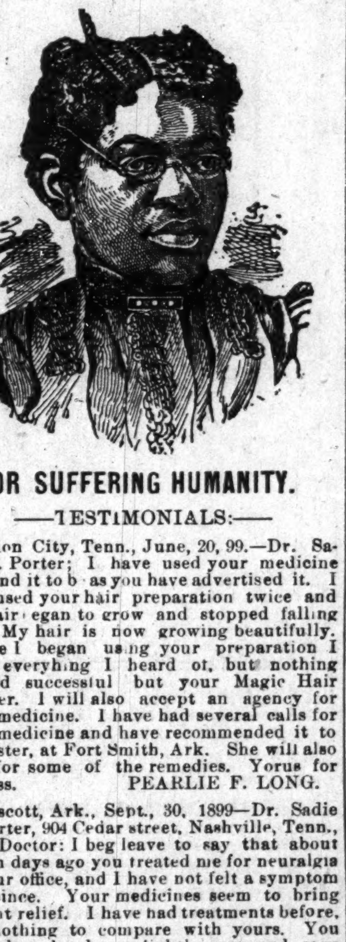

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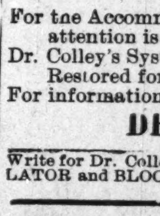

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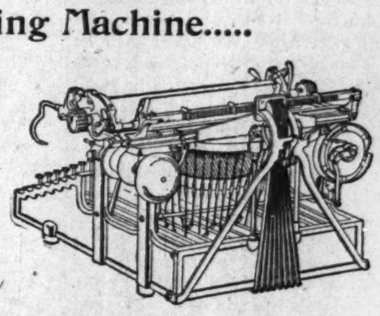

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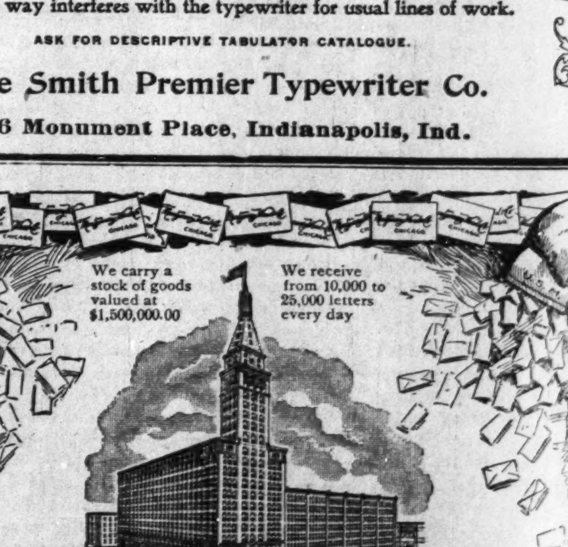

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The seventeen annual session of the Baptist Congress was held in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 14-16 and an interesting program was carried out with distinguished speakers for the occasion.

At the Grand Rally of Ebenezer A. M. E. church, Baltimore, Md., Rev. J. W. Norris, Pastor, Sunday October 22, 1899, $1,349.00 was raised and they expect this effort to reach $1,600.00 or $1,700.00 before complete returns are made.

The scholarly editor of the Christian Recorder, Dr. H. T. Johnson, delivered his popular lecture, "The Black Man's Burden," before a large audience in Atlanta Ga., October 23. The lecture has been highly spoken of by all who heard it, and the Dr. should prove a good drawing card in many of our large cities.

The A. M. E. conference recently held at Bethel church Little Rock, was one of the most successful conferences ever held there. Bishop W. B. Derrick, D. D., has done a great deal toward bringing his denominatoin to the front ranks in Arkansas. A large number of visitors were here from other conferences. Able addresses and sermons were delivered, which will no doubt help the moral and religious tone of our people. One of the best sermons was that one preached by Bishop M. B. Salters of S. C. The financial status of the A. M. E. church in Ark., is in good condition. More than two thousand dollars was raised in this conference. Our Baptist people out number the methodists in Ark; but it is no harm to know that the methodists are working hard to be in the ascendency. The A. M. E. church has four conferences in this state and they give for education and mission purposes $10000 annually.

News Notes.

Greencastle, Ind., Special—Messrs. Ben Hayden and James Bolling attended the I. U. DePauw foot ball game at Bloomington last Monday. Rev. Steele a Baptist minister from Africa preached at the A. M. E. church last Thursday evening. Mr. Harry Rhodes was in Indianapolis last Tuesday visiting friends. Rev. Mark McGrunder preached at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday in the absence of the pastor Rev. G. W. Hardiman. Two weddings are slated for November and December both grooms are members of the Silver Leaf band we will give their names later.

Interesting News.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special—Mr. Wm. Birch who left this city two or three years ago has learned the dental trade. He now has a neat little office in Indianapolis. Miss Beatrice James, of Indianabolis, was in our city last Sunday the guests of Miss Bertha Reed. Rev. C. W. Maxey has the neatest and finest colored banber shop in our city. Why not patronize him. Mrs. Street Hodge, Misses Ella Martin and Katie Goodin of this city spent Saturday night and Sunday in Edinburg. Mr. Joseph Robinson of this city is threatened with typboid fever. The Evening Star Juveniles of this city are again on foot. Our initiation fees for the month of November are fifteen cents. We have taken in ten new candidates. Messrs. Arthur Wilson and Samuel Pettiford, of Franklin, were in our city last Sunday. The former was the guest of Miss Mary Esters. Mr. Geo. R Reed of this city on his last visit to Cincinnati was very well spoken of. Some boys in that city asked George's friend Arthur Gray what college he was going to. Arthur said that George was a graduate at Yale. Which he is—not. George was "cleaning up." All persons who have items for The Freeman will kindly hand them to our agent as he is delivering or leave them at the Ross House on Sunday afternoons. And all who wish to subscribe will please give him their names.

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General News.

Muncie, Ind., Special—Rev. T. E. Wilson will preach for Rev. J. Siler, of Anderson, last Sunday. There was Thanksgiving services at the Baptist church, Rev. Wilson preached the sermon. Homer Raymond has not improved. Mrs. H. T. Pierson is improving. Wm. Hong is much improved. N. T. Curtis visited Richmond Sunday. He accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Neely. Mr. Neeley was taken to the insane asylum at that place. W. Walters has patented a horn for phonographs. A party was given at the home of Mrs. Lillian Davis on the 15th. Those present enjoyed themselves. E. F. Fletcher is remodeling his house.

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Rebuff to Lewis Carroll Given by a Little Girl.

Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice in Wonderland," told with keen relish of a rebuff given him by a little girl who knew him only as a learned mathematician.

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Wordsworth could not conceal his chagrin when he heard that his neighbors, the farmers, described him as "a daft, idle body, who went moaning about the hills and had not wit enough to raise a field of oats."

The following anecdote of Henry Clay was told by one of his personal friends:

While making the journey to Washington on the National road, just after his nomination as candidate for the Presidency, he was traveling one stormy night, wrapped up in a huge cloak, on the back seat of the stage coach, when two passengers entered. They were Kentuckians, like himself. He fell asleep, and when he awoke found them discussing his chances in the coming campaign.

"What did Henry Clay go into politics for?" said one. "He had a good bit of land; he had a keen eye for stock. If he had stuck to stock-raising he'd have been worth his fifty thousand. But now he doesn't own a dollar."

"And," the great Kentuckian used to add. "the worst of it was, every word of it was true."

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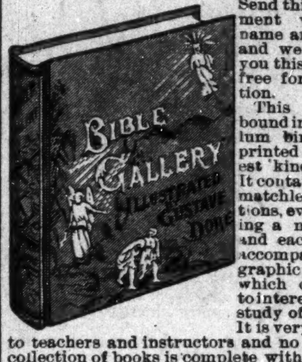

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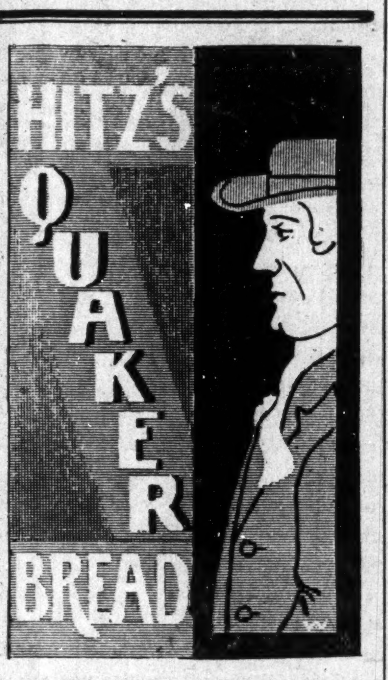

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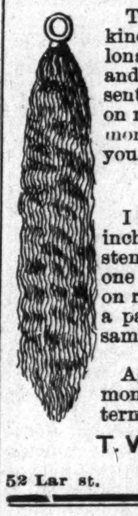

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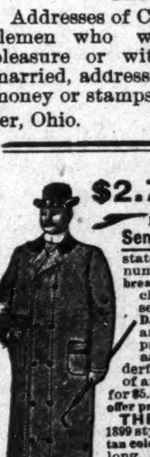

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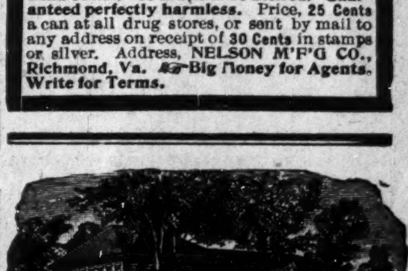

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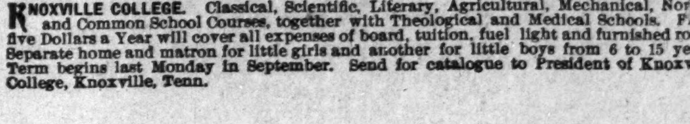

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BISHOP MAKING.

Quite a number of people who read The Freeman as a rule are at a loss to understand why there is so much-a-do anent the A. M. E. Church Episcopacy. If those who do not understand the situation will reflect over the fact that there is a salary of $4.000 attached to the office of Bishop in the A M E Church it will be seen that it is not a very small matter aside from the dignity surrounding the position. The salary attached to a political position and swung out as a tempting bait, say among one dozen men only, who are eligible through fitness, ability and service, would create strife and contentions to an extent that the appointing power alone could realize.

There is not only one such place to be filled by the next General Conference, but there are several such places. At the most it appears that there are no more than a dozen men who are prominently mentioned, thus making it very probable that one-third of the dozen will be selected.

It will be understood that $4.000 does not represent the sum total of the income attached to these very desirable seats. There are perquisites in the shape of collections and purses that are perennial and its a very slow episcopate indeed that does not realize nearer $5.000 per annum than $4.000.

In seeking these places the mammon in man is not wholly subdued, nor is it urged that it should be; furthermore to contend that it is, would be hypocrisy. To say that the dollars and cents side is stimulative, is not slanderous. except it be said that it is kept uppermost regardless of the inherent and acquired qualities of the candidates. The latter condition is, happily for the church, kept well in the back-ground.

However, the lookers on in Venice, so to speak, are somewhat non-plused at the readiness of some churchmen to assail others; uttering statements that certainly pronounces the assailed as imbeciles or else the assailers must stand convicted as notorious maligners and traducers—in short their regard for veracity is questionable. Which is it? Such conditions sometimes crop out in politics. Should it be so in the church? Why?

There is no reason why friends of the candidates may not air the virtues of their friends through newspapers, even though they be not church organs.

The church is not a close concern no more than the christian religion. The Catholic church, the most vigorously governed church in the world is an example of this very thing. When the Pope begins to show signs of physical or mental incapacity, at once the press of the civilized world begins to discuss the virtues of the eligibles for apostolic succession. Hence to rail at "Newspaper made bishops" is not in consonance with the order of things. The newspapers are the truest exponents of the sentiments of the masses. They are not always infallible but in the main they are trustworthy. After all, the people are the church. They delegate to the few the power to rule the many. In the same manner the people are the government de facto. Their authority is invested in a few for the good of the greatest numbers. The selection of the few and their acts when installed into high places are of vital concern to those who have delegated this authority.

It will not be urged that the church and the state are exactly the same in their methods of perpetuating themselves; but the conditions are very much alike.

It may be added that giving publicity to the little petty jealousies that only detract from the church as a whole is reprehensible in church organs as well as in non sectarian publications and when it comes to vilification, the greatest amount proceed from those of whom it is least expected. The church organs or the churchmen will have to plead guilty to the fact that the world as a rule is acquainted with the church through its very servants. Dr. J. A. Jones, of Chatanooga, Tenn., very wisely observes, that in the mad race for the very desirable places of the church, the minor ones are being neglected. Jones intimates that Dr. Johnson is chasing a sunbeam in his efforts to install himself in an Episcopal See. Johnson is the editor of the Christian Recorder at Philadelphia. According to Jones he is unpopular but regardless of this he could be easily re-elected to that position. but he has the bishopric bee buzzing in his bonnet. Jones intimates that Johnson has been imposed upon and that his prospects for a seat on the bench of bishops have never been dazzling nor never will be.

However Jones does not enter into a tirade against Johnson as others have done in opposing candidates. What has made Johnson unpopular Jones fails to tell, and in that he is correct.

"The recent campaign in the State of Ohio" by Hon. John P. Green, U. S. stamp agent Washington, D. C. will appear in The Christmas Number of The Freeman Dec. 23.

In the reunion of the 57th Indiana regiment the other day, at Noblesville, Ind., the following bit of history was the result of their discussion.

Dr. Aldred dropped into this office Wednesday evening and related an interesting story illustrating the possibilities of young men. He says A. A. Haskett, Thomas Lindley and Isaac Jones, all of whom are residents of Washington township, will bear him out in the statement.

While these gentlemen were in the South during the civil war a young Negro came into their camp and as he proved himself to be quite handy in running errands they kept him around. He came north with them and by hard work and perseverance has made a success in life

The doctor referred to George Knox, proprietor of the Bates house barber shop and editor of the Indianapolis Freeman.

Messrs. Lindley, Haskett and Jones were members of the 57th Indiana regiment and the boys never hold a reunion unless an urgent invitation is extended to Mr. Knox. He is usually present.—The Hamilton County Ledger.

The French people are held to be the most fickle minded of civilized nations. At this time, however, honors are even between the French and the Americans. The late Dewey episode is as a disagreeable event as could be imagined. It appears as if the people desired a string to the Dewey gift; but he would have none of it. The house was given him in fee simple and there was no remainder man or men that had any thing to do about it. Dewey has proven himself a hero once more.

At the State fair recently held in Alabama the exhibit of the Normal Institute, A. and M. college, Professor Councill's school, came in for the lion's share of praise in the particular kind of work. It is said by some to have been the very best exhibit at the fair. At any rate Councill has great reason to be encouraged by the attention his efforts are attracting.

"The Function of Our Government," by the talented writer Charles Alexander will appear in the Christmas Number of The Freeman.

"The editorials of The Freeman are neat and correct."—Hon. John P. Green, Washington, D. C.

THE NEGRO VOTE.

Bishop Walters' advice urging Negroes to divide their votes has caused a ripple of excitement throughout the country. The Negro newspapers are taking up the question and discussing it pro. and con. Occasionally the old stock argument is dragged out and ventilated but in the main the discussions are intelligent and high pitched.

It would do the race no good if some of the advice given arising from the controversy, was followed out to the letter. It would simply array one-half of the country solidly against the Negro and at the same time win the merited contempt of the other half. There are localities where any sane man would insist that the Negroes should divide their votes. In such localities it is not a question of government nor of governmental principles; it is a question of getting on with one's neighbors all the time.

Blind, passive obedience to party ties at the best is un-American in theory. The result is always to be considered. To vote for home. fireside, ingle is a far greater principle than the one growing out of theories of government and fine political distinctions and niceties, that in no sense affect their well being or the stability of the government.

Every intelligent voter casts his vote for self preservation along with the preservation of the state. If one's interest is best conserved by allying oneself to a particular institution or party, just so long as that institution does not threaten to destroy the government or its prosperity, it would be the heighth of imprudence to hold aloof in order to follow some custom or tradition, thereby courting opposition to material, political, and civil welfare.

Unfortunately we have some communities in this country that are suffering from lack of civil rights. Much of this neglect, studied neglect, is due to the persistent determination on the part of the Negroes to favor one party because of obligations favors, etc. The spirit is proper. It is appreciation; it is gratitude. But the last few years of American history has proven that there are great efforts at reconcilement between the North and the South. It will be an anomaly if the Negroes, the bone of contention in the matter are to keep up the bad feeling while the whites are falling over each other in an effort to blot out the memory of the past.

The President of the United States has shown by precept and example that he desired that sectional lines should disappear. The legislature of Indiana appropriated a considerable sum of money for the return of the battle flags captured from Texas during the civil war. Indiana and Texas have made terms.

It is not to be urged that one party is to be punished by deserting it owing to its lack of performing some duty supposed to be possible. To charge up lynching to the Republican party because it cannot reach the evil is no ground for bolting the party.

Lynching is an evil that is not to be reached by any such methods. It has existed under all recent administrations. There will come better reasons there are already better reasons for dividing the votes. Let the race study the situation and use the vote as a lever for the race providing everything else is equal. This is the spirit of the times as it applies to all and is especially applicable to the Negroes.

In and about the Town.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special—Rev. J. W. Owsley will appreicate a needed rest this year and is at home with his family. He has entered the grocer and real estate business. Rev. C. C. Philips of Golconda was here on business last week. Rev. S. S. Oliver is at home again after closing a very successful series of meetings at Shawneetown. Mrs. S. S. Oliver and Mrs. G. W. Beachamp are indisposed. Miss Mattie Bond is in the city. Rev. Winfrey of the Baptist church closed a series of meetings last week. He is making some needed improvements on the church. Rev. G. W. Parker of Cairo made a business trip to Mt. Vernon last week. Rev. J. B. Bunch, of Centralia. preached his introductory sermon last Sunday. Julia Renfro was the guest of friends at Elkville Thanksgiving. Minnie Bell spent Thanksgiving in St. Louis. Both churches had a Thanksgiving dinner. Mrs Atlas Baylass is in poor health. Mr. C. C. Warren and family of Tiptonville, Tenn., is the guest of Rev. J. W. Owsley. Rev. J. L. Baylass passed through here en route to his charge at Hopkinsville, Ky.

News Notes.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special—Mrs. Chambers is convalescent. Miss Alice Smith went to Lake Odessa on Nov. 24, to remain a few days. The program for the Lyceum Friday night Nov. 24, was a mock trial. Mr. Branden (Mr Prince) was ac cused of murdering Mis Nellie Dough. The whole affair was very interesting. Miss Hazel Prince has returned from Ypsilanti. Miss Alice Sett has been very sick. An Intemperance meeting was held at Arnett chapel Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. On Sunday evening, Nov. 26, a sacred concert was given at the Arnett chapel by Miss Margaret Tate. Most of the numbers furnished were by those from the white churches. Among the numbers from the colored people was a solo by Mrs. R. Bass, duet Mr. and Mrs. Hardy; recitation, Etta Wright and recitation by Margaret Tate.

Interesting Items.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special—Rev. J. W. Robinson of this city who has been threatened with typhoid fever is out again. He spent last Sunday in Cincinnati the guest of Rev. L. W. Gray. Rev. B. W. Clark spent last Sunday in Indianapolis. The Second M. E. church has been papered. Rev. Edward Gillian of Indianapolis the presiding elder of the Second M. E. church was in the city. He preached a very able sermon last Sunday night. Misses Mamie and Carrie Johnson went to Indianapolis Thursday and returned last Saturday. A drill was given by Miss Rosa E. Dent at the Second M. E. church last Saturday night. The sum of $6.30 was cleared. The Evening Star Juviniles will give a o'possum supper at the Second Baptist church tonight. The concert given by Mrs. N. M. Green Thanksgiving night was excellent. The school choir sang at the Second M. E. church Thanksgiving morning.

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"Spinage" Housely is well and at work again.

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A. L. Mason closed with Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company at Lewiston, Ill.

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Glenn & Moore in their knockabout act with the Georgias are simply knocking 'em.'

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Burt Stewart of the drum corps with the Big Minstrel Festival, is improving slowly.

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Spencer B. Gibson's Mammoth Double Minstrels will organize in Chicago, August 1, 1900.

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Big hit with the Georgias. Who? Why "Jeems" Crosby in his monologue, being away above par.

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Mussyn of the Whirlwinds sends regards to Dick Thomas, Bobby Kemp and Craig of the No. 1 show.

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W. A. Porter, comedian and trombonist with the Georgias is rapidly improving from his recent illness.

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Miss Hattie Carter, soubrette, is now filling an engagement at the Little Solo Theatre, Houston, Tex.

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Emmett Mason, trombonist, of Charleston, W. Va., joined the Big Minstrel Festival at Pocahontas, Va.

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Wm. Hedgepath, of the Big Minstrel Festival sends regards to John Jackson, of the Scott's Minstrels.

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C. A. Hughes, of the Alabama quartette has been troubled with a bad throat, tnat is slowly improving.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Simpson send best regards to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trusty, Mr. and Mrs. Al. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. R. Thompson.

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Miss Jessie Proctor, of Topeka, Kan., closed with Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., at Bloomington, Ill., and returned to her home.

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W. A. Dixon and J. A. Watts, tenor soloists with the Georgia's both scored big hits at the opening nights of the show in Los Angeles.

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"If I Only Had My Six-bits Back" a new song that needs no description, written by J. Ed Green, will be featured by John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom."

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Well they had to move us farther down in the bill and we are now closing the olio with the Georgia's. Best regards to Richard Lewis, Geo. Bailey, Clarence P. Jones, James Lacy and friends.—Simpson and Pittman.

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Manager W. A. Rusco of the Tri-Minstrel Enterprises, has returned to the Big Minstrel Festival after a short visit. He reports having witnessed a first class performance of the Nashville Students and is well satisfied that it's a winner.

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The Oriental Troubadours Concert and Specialty Company are playing a two weeks return engagement in Trenton and have made a lasting hit. All members have good health at present. Mr. Whitney has recovered and Mr. Barrett has nearly succeeded in getting rid of an over supply of cold—coal. Mr. Baynard and Miss Taylor continue to capture the audience with their musical specialities. Emma Baynard, prima donna soprano and C. H. Puggsley, Southern tenor are singing as sweetly as ever. Barrett the baritone and Whitney are still able to hold up the heavy end. We have only one thing to regret and that is we will be too busy Thursday to eat our annual Thanksgiving Turkey.

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The Imperial Quartette—Messrs. Phillip Portlock, W. H. Tucker, N. B. Collins and G. W. Pickett—now a big feature with the "A Female Drummer" company. The tuneful way in which they sing "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You" never fails to bring loud calls for more from the audience.

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"A Trip to Africa" company are playing to good business through Manitoba. The following is a roster of the company: Camp, Edwards & Brown, proprietors; R. D. Brown manager; C. W. Boyles, assistant manager; Sloan Edwards, stage manager; Fred Merrill advance agent; Wm. Curtis, Thos. Greener, Hilda Edwards, Carrie Brown, John Grochie and Master Ronald Edwards and Little Tillie Payton, the smallest song and dance and cake walk team in the world, being a little over 4 years of age. They are taking four and five encores nightly. Prof. E. Camp is musical director of the company. All send regards to the performers of the Richards, Pringle, Rusco & Holland's Minstrel Festival and we would like to hear from Dick Thomas at once. We are traveling in our own private car.

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J. Ed. Green writes from the Big Minstrel Festival."—The merry minstrels are now meeting great favor in the eyes of Virginia theatre-goers and find the mother state of presidents — very lienient in applause, Wythville was the door by which we entered the state and John Christian was and is still being greeted by many long since seen friends. Our orchestra under Prof. James Lacy is at its "mecca" of perfection. The olio opened by the famous grotesque team, McCarver, Reed and McCarver runs like a freshly greased axle. "I really thought she was a man" when Miss Florence Hines finishes. "No, no, that fellow has no bones" when Craig finishes. "The funniest man I ever saw" when Rucker is through. "The most daring tricks ever attempted on a wire," after Allie Brown finishes. "Phenomenal musicians with a funny act," after Leach and Dodd. "I never saw such a funny old man in a song and dance"—John is certainly a wonderful skater nothing better in his line can be seen," after Christian. "He can imitate any one, can't he?" after Fidler. "Billy is funny as ever and his wife can certainly handle a coon song; that act is a winner," after the Kersands, and when the curtain falls on Darktown every one utters three words—A Clean Show! The boys all send regards to members of the famous "Georgias," "Oliver Scotts," "Williams & Walker," Cole & Johnson" and "Hottest Coon in Dixie" companies.

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Notes from the "Coontown 400."—We opened our Western trip at Appleton, Wis. to standing room and are now preparing for our Canadian tour, which begins at Port Arthur, Ont. on the 28th. The roster of the company is as follows: Humphrey's and Arnold, Yeager and Kelley, Chas. Moore, Chas. Clifton, James Powers, John Dixon, Misses Rosa Grayson, Sadie Citizen, Edith Adams, Mamie Blanton, Minnie Brown, Florence Daly, Jeanette Hale, Maud Yeager, Jennie Kelley. Mr. Humphreys wishes to thank, Tom McIntosh, Ed. Winn and other managers for their kind offers. Mr. Arnold wished to be remembered to the "Blackstone Quartette." Yeager and Kelley are knocking them hard in the olio. Miss Blanton possesses a voice of musical sweetness. Misses Citizen and Adams are the acme of colored soubretts, singing respectively, "My Black Baby Back" and "Honolulu Fairy" to enthusiastic listeners. Miss Daly is giving the residents of the Northwest quite a treat in her ragtime waltz on the piano forte. Misses Hall, Brown, Kelly, Yeager and Grayson go to make a beautiful ensemble in the Coontown 400." Chas. Clifton, as policeman provokes roars of laughter nightly. Arnold with his drollery interprets the "stranded actor" to great satisfaction. Mr. Humphrey's Banjo never fails to please. Chas. Moore, as the "Major" is the proper thing in the proper place.

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Notes from the Georgia Minstrels:—We opened to standing room only at the Burbank Theatre, Los Angeles, Cal., Sunday Nov. 19th for one week and although we have not turned them away every night this week our business has been splendid. Goggin and Davis, the great colored acrobatic team are here for two weeks at the Orpheum and the boys are all having a good time. Our concert band is pronounced the best colored band that has ever visited the coast. The streets in front of the theatre being crowded every night with carriages full of people to listen to our grand selections. Our band gave a grand open air concert Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, in Central Park that was highly appreciated by the music loving citizens. Simon Bonomore's troupe of whirlwind Arabs who have been closing the show have been moved higher in the olio and the grand Cake Walk is now closing the show with Simpson & Pittman, musical artists closing the olio, with such superb playing on their musical novelties as was never heard on the coast before; Fred Simpson's trombone solos being a special feature in their act. They are always strongly encored. We were awakened early in the morning, during our stay in Phoenix, Ariz., by a cry of fire and as the boys tumbled out of bed the smoke was issuing from every window and the doors of our sleeping car and it was found that some "rube" had left an umbrella behind the range and it had taken fire, setting fire to the kitchen, also. After considerable excitement the blaze was extinguished and we went back to our respective berths to renew our disturbed slumbers. And so ended what promised to be a great conflagration.

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The "Southern Life" company, under the personal direction of Messrs. Chas. W. Gilder and Clinton Newton, are presenting an entertainment of the highest order. The press of western Pennsylvania comment at length upon the meritorious performance given by this clever company. The business has been remarkable. Messrs. Gilder & Newton deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts in trying to give the public their moneys worth by a good clean clever show. From the amount of business done, the public appreciates it. The gentleman in white visits regularly every week. The performance opens with a one-act operatic comedy entitled: "Susan Thompson's Reception" by John A. Dickerson. During the act the following numbers are rendered: "I Wonder What is that Coons Game," Edward Healer; "Ann Liza," Chas. Hunter; "Honey, I Do Love You," Ida Hill; "I'm Living Easy," Lew Peyton; "Suwanee River," Mlle Estelle; "I Ain't Seen No Messenger Boy." Wesley Hill; "The Girl I Loved in Sunny Tennessee" William Kelly; "Chicken" John H. Smith; selections—Majestic Quartette; "Choir Singer" John A. Dickerson. In the olio a number of strong specialty acts are to be seen. Among them is Mlle Estelle Peyton, the "Black Melba"; John H. Smith, Lew Peyton Maybelle Johnson, Wesley and Ida Hill, Dick Duson, and Allen & Gant. The singing and dancing of the entire company is excellent.

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We are in reciept of the following letter from Prof. P. G. Lowery:

Alexandria, La., Nov. 18, '99., 6:60 p. m.—While the southern breezes are wafting far and near the sweet strains of "Home Sweet Home" from the different bands of the Forepaugh-Sells Bros.' Great Combined shows, I will take pleasure in penning to The Freeman a few lines concerning my company with the above named shows, consisting of my band and vaudeville show. We opened our season in Brooklyn May 1, '99, with a band of twelve and six specialty people, with Julius Glenn as stage manager and leader of the cake walk in the big afternoon concert, with the assistance of a number of charming soubrettes, making the cake walk the crowning feature of the circus concert. Shortly after the opening James White, the well-known comedian and performer, joined us and added greatly to the band and vaudeville show winning many friends by his gentlemanly conduct and earnest work. In Montreal, Canada, Skip Farrell and wife joined us. The name of "Skip" is sufficient to explain his true value to the organization. After returning from Canada I was successful in adding to my band, Wm. May, the well-known tuba player, ever a favorite with the Forepaugh-Sells shows and the public at large. Thus far we have traveled over all of the eastern United States, Canada and the middle states as far West as Kansas City, Mo. At this point I signed Thos. J. Lewis and wife; Mr. Lewis being my solo cornetist in my band last winter and his little wife a soubrette in the same company I was well acquainted with their ability. In honor to my visit in Kansas City, Mr. Lewis and his band prepared a special banquet to my entire company, furnishing a splendid musicale, consisting of vocal, instrumental and a few selections by his concert band, which is known as the Metropolitan band. James Taylor, the tenor soloist, joined me at Kansas City. The last but not the least to be added to the royalty of the company was Prentis Oliver and wife, producing a strong specialty and making a decided hit singing the latest coon songs. The opening of the theatrical season called from my ranks some of my favorite people leaving behind many friends. Mr. Jones, of Elmira, N. Y., took the leadership of the orchestra at the closing of Wm. Malone; and Mr. A. T. Gillam took charge of the vaudeville stage and cake walk. His earnest work has placed him before the public a neat performer, possessing a winning disposition to encourage the performers to keep up with the times; at the closing he is personally recommended by Mr. Chas. Thompson, my manager—Nuf Sed. I must speak of Mr. C. W. Gossett, of Wichita, Kan., the talented young trap-drummer, who finished the season with me. During the season we exchanged visits with some of the leading minstrel companies. We met the Oliver Scott Minstrels at Grand Rapids, Mich., Primrose & Dockstaders, the Al G. Field's and other good shows space will not permit me to mention. A few personal remarks is due the four ladies that close to-night with high standing: Miss Bessie Gillam, Tina Mazelle, Mrs. Prentis Oliver and Mrs. T. J. Lewis—their tidy dress, diligent work and noble conduct has won them much credit from the management. I must not forget to name the male members who close to-night with the Forepaugh-Sells Shows with high honors: Robt. Wilson, Jas. S. Morton, Robt. Cooper, better known as "Dinktom"; Wm. May, C. W. Gossett, A. T. Gillam, T. J. Lewis, Prentis Oliver and M. McQuitty, better known as the "Black Prince." The health of the entire company has been excellent, not losing any time whatever from sickness from start to finish. As it is now 7 o'clock and the four special trains are now ready to carry over six hundred happy members of the Big Shows to their different homes in the United States, Canada and across the waters. I will close by extending my sincere thanks to each and every member of my company for their diligent work and excellent conduct, which I owe much to them for sustained reputation as director and manager. In conclusion I must thank The Freeman for its support and prestige it has given me. May I ever be a friend to The Freeman. To my company I extend, through the columns of The Freeman, a cheerful good bye until we meet in Madison Square Garden, New York City. To Joe Pleasant, J. J. Smith, Pearl Brewer, Julius Glenn, Jomes White and "Skip" I say hit that drum. Who wouldn't be with the biggest show on earth? Yours Under Canvas,

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Chas. R. Parker, of the Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels, writes:—"We are now in the Grasshopper state and business is flourishing. Wichita and Salina were the banner houses of the week. The S. R. O. Sign is common with this show, especially in Kansas. The boys are all very jolly and and have plenty of dough. The 'man in white' has just paraded and as we will lay over here in Salina to-day every member has booked up an Ofay-Gigwauk. Salina is full of them and as the show went big last night the boys have everything their way. You can see the town guys standing around looking at us with envy. We are all going to church to-night. James White assisted by Whitten Viney is making quite a hit singing "Deed I Ain't Seen No Messenger Boy," and 'I'd Leave My Happy Home For You.' Mr. Viney has proven himself quite an artist and makes up beautifully as an aristocratic colored lady. Don Merreno, the Cuban Tenor is singing, 'I'd Leave My Happy Home For You," a very beautiful ballad and never fails to receive an encore. Clarence Henderson is singing, "I Love You Still" and as a young performer Mr. Henderson has proven himself capable of ranking with the top-liners. Prof. R. N. Thompson has just completed his new arraingement of the Rag-Time March entitled, 'Kill It Babe' and 'Habits On.' They are hot ones. Regards to Simpson and Pittman. Joe Dobbins, write. Clarence Powell has just obtained a copy of Chas. R. Parker's New Blivy and it beats all others. Everbody is now preparing for St. Joe, Mo. next Friday. We have just received a letter from Mr. James Meyers our ex-cornetist who had to leave us on account of his wife being very ill. He has arrived home safely in Nashville and reports his wife much better. Jim, we all miss you very much and the boys all send regards to you. Robt. Pannell sends regards to Jas. Osburn. Chas. Parker sends regards to W. O. Terry. Albert Stokes Sam Burns and James Lacy. Whitten Viney sends regards to Simpson & Pittman, also Ralph Devine.

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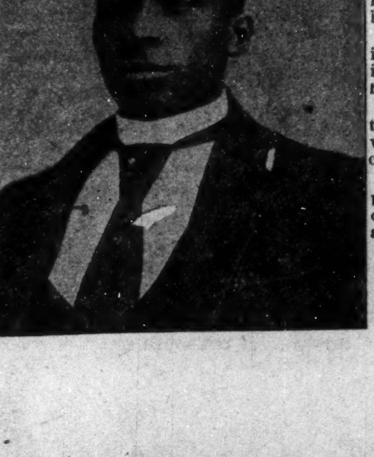

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RACE GLEANINGS.

A training school for colored nurses has been established at Charleston S. C.

The Shilo Orphanage for colored youths is located in Braytonville, Ga., and is a thriving institution.

By the census of 1890 the blacks in Maryland of voting age numbered 51,-895. Of this number 20,553 were in Baltimore city and county.

The annual report of the Freedman's Aid Society shows that nearly $56,000 more money has been recieved from all sources than during last year.

Mr. Leroy Ramsey has been appointed to a clerkship in the county assessor's office in El Paso county, Colorado. Mr. Ramsey is the first to receive a like position in that county.

In Cass county, Mich., the Negro population outnumbers the white two to one, and are masters of the whole township. They hold all of the offices vote and collect the taxes, build the school houses, employ their own people as teachers and have charge of all the internal improvements and have their own postmaster.

A Mississippi man is going to send 500,000 fully matured cotton bolls to the Paris Exposition to show all the world where their shirts and sheets come from. And he will send a delegation of genuine cotton-field colored people to sell the bolls as souvenirs, to tell their buyers all they may want to know about cotton, and, best of all, to show them the stalwart black American citizens whose toil produces about ten millions bales of the staple every year.

The Hardwick bill being considered by the Georgia legislature which has for its avowed purpose the disfranchising of the colored vote will be strongly opposed. Leading men of the race have assembled in Atlanta and adopted a protest to the legislature which must have weight with the fair minded men of that body. It is said that when the bill is submitted for its second reading a minority report against the bill will be submitted by Colonel William Harrison, of Quitman county.

Hobson City Ala., which has 400 colored people, is about to be incorporated into a town without a white man in its borders. Lincolton, near South Carolina named after President Lincoln was incorporated many years ago. It is much larger than Hobson City and has about 3000 inhabitants. Tabor, N. C. is another that is exclusively owned by the colored people. They have their own municipal government and it is a very peaceful place.

J. C. Jordan is the chief gunners mate in charge of two of the Iowa's 5 inch rifles; he is a graduate of the gunnery at Washington D. C. At one time he was an electrician on the U. S. Monitor Monterey. Jordan has only on the Iowa two months having been transferred from the Olympia. While on the Olympia he took an active part as gunner's mate during the celebrated battle of Manila Bay after the occupation of Manila by the American forces Jordan's skill was frequently called into requisition to locate and assist in romoving the submarine mines and torpedoes planted by the Spanish.

The A. & M. College, of Normal, Ala., was awarded the following premiums, diplomas and a gold medal at the Alabama State fair, which was recently held at Birmingham, Ala.: 1st prize on the best industrial exhibit; 1st prize on method of training boys; 1st prize on method of training girls; 1st prize on best iron-work by boys; 1st prize on best wood-work by boys; 1st prize on best literary exhibit; diploma for museum of African curios; diploma for fine art display; diploma for microscopic life collection; gold medal for best managed institution. The Birmingham papers said the Normal's exhibit alone was worth the price of admission to the fair. Thousands flocked to see it. It was the main attraction and recieved the praise from all.

General City News.

Frankford, Ind., Special—Mr. Forrest Mitchell is always ready to take names of subscribers for The Freeman. Rev. John Harper returned home last Thursday to spend a few days with his family. A birthday party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Hill, in honor of William Transon's thirty-third, birthday was attended by many of his friends. Refreshments were served and the evening was pleasantly spent. Mrs. David Mitchell is spending a week among her friends in Crawfordsville. Mr. Lee Rickman, is here with a view to locating. After an illness of ten days Mr. Forrest Mitchell is able to resume his school work. Mrs. Martha Weaver after a few weeks sickness, is able to be out. The Willing Worker's Club will give a Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 28. Dinner 20 cents also supper. Everybody is welcome. Subscribe for The Freeman the only up-to-date Negro paper in Indiana. Church services every Sunday morning by Rev. J. J. Johnson. Sunday school promptly at 2:30. John D. Kersey superintendent. Mrs. J. J. Johnson has been visiting Mrs. John Morgan near Michigantown. Mr. Clyde Radcliff is on the sick list. Rev. Harper filled the pulpit Sunday night. He preached an excellent sermon, his text being "Christ is all and in all." Miss Bessie Evans, of Rockville, Ind., is the guest of Miss Jessie Cumming.

News Notes.

Hope, Ark., Special—The conference of the A. M. E. church which convened at Hot Springs, was quite a successful meeting. Rev. Taylor was appointed here. The Baptist State convention has just closed a grand meeting. For all purposes nearly four thousand dollars was raised. Prof. Tyus, principal of the Haygood Seminary at Washington, Ark., passed up the road Saturday on his way to Camden, to conference. He reports his school in an excellent condition. Miss Eliza A. McElvine left a few days ago for Pine Bluff, Ark., where she will resume her studies in Branch Normal College.

A BIRD TALK.

The Common Birds of the Country Not Decreasing in Number.

There is a reassuring "Bird Talk" by John Burroughs in the November St. Nicholas. One of the good signs of the times, he says, is the interest our young people are taking in the birds, and the numerous clubs and societies that are being formed throughout the country for bird protection and cultivation. In my youth but little was heard about the birds. They were looked upon as of little account. Many of them were treated as the farmer's natural enemies. Crows and all kinds of hawks and owls were destroyed whenever chance offered. I knew a farmer who every summer caught and killed all the red-tailed hawks he could. He stood up poles in his meadows, upon the tops of which he would set steel traps. The hawks, looking for meadow mice, would alight upon them and be caught. The farmer was thus slaying his best friends, as these large hawks live almost entirely upon mice and vermin. The redtail, or hen-hawk is very wary of a man with a gun, but he has not yet learned of the danger that lurks in a steel trap on the top of a pole.

If a strict account could be kept with our crows and hawks for a year, it would be found at the end of that time that most of them had a balance to their credit. That is, they do us more good than injury. A few of them, like the fish-crow and sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk and the duck-hawk, are destructive to the birds and wild fowls; but the others live mainly upon insects and vermin.

I do not share the alarm expressed in some quarters over the seeming decrease in the number of birds. People are always more or less gloomy in regard to the present and present things. As we grow older the number of beautiful things in the world seems to be fewer. "The Indian summer is not what it used to be; the winters are not so bracing; the spring is more uncertain; and honest men are fewer." But there is not much change after all. The change is mainly in us. I see no decrease in the great body of our common field, orchard and wood birds. I do not see the cliff swallows I used to see in my youth; they go farther north, to northern New England and Canada. At Rangeley Lake, in Maine, I saw the eaves of a barn as crowded with their mud nests as I used to see the eaves of my father's barns amid the Catskills. In the cliffs along the Yukon in Alaska they are said to swarm in great numbers. Nearly all our game-birds are decreasing in numbers, because sportmen are more and more numerous and skilful, and their guns more and more deadly. The bobolinks are fewer than they were a decade or two ago, because they are slaughtered more and more in the marshes and rice fields of the South. The bluebirds and hermit-thrushes were threatened with extinction by a cold wave and a severe storm in the Southern States a few years ago. These birds appear to have been slain by the hundred thousand. But they are slowly recovering lost ground, and in ten or more years will no doubt be as numerous as ever. I see along the Hudson River fewer eagles than I used to see fifteen years ago. The collectors and the riflemen are no doubt responsible for this decrease. But the robins, thrushes, finches, warblers, blackbirds, orioles, fly-catchers, vireos and woodpeckers are quite as abundant as they were a quarter of a century ago, if not more so.

Mines Threatened.

Kimberley, which it is said the Boers have invested and isolated from the outside world, is the diamond region of the world, far surpassing the mines of Brazil in richness. If the report of the investment be true, this is the most serious blow which Kruger has struck at the commercial interests of Great Britain in South Africa. Cecil Rhodes is in the town and its defence will be stubborn. Kimberley is not a city in the modern use of the word. It is a great camp in which men's passions rise and fall as the treasures of the earth are uncovered or not found. The camp is in what is called the Vaal Basin, the wash ground of the river which divides the Transvaal from the Orange Free State. The first diamond discoveries there were made about 1870, but it was ten years later when Englishmen and others realized that the spot was the most valuable of its kind in the world.

By 1881 the mines which had been opened had yielded gems to the value of $20,000,000. By 1887 seven tons of diamonds had been taken out valued at $250,000,000. This record placed the Brazil diamond mines in the shade and made Kimberley world-wide in its fame. The Cecil Rhodes syndicate, known as the De Beers, came into control of all the mines after much negotiation. This syndicate is capitalized for $75,000,000 and pays interest at the rate of 5½ per cent per annum and an annual dividend of 20 per cent. Since Cecil Rhodes came into control of the mines they have given out 2,500,000 karats of diamonds. To get at these it has been necessary to wash 2,700,000 loads of the blue earth in which they are found.

In the working of these diamond mines there are employed about 1,500 white men and 6,000 natives. The greater proportion of these men are employed in the De Beers and Kimberley mines, the two biggest holes which greedy man has ever dug into the earth. The punishment for stealing a diamond is fifteen years' imprisonment. All diamonds, except those which pass through illicit channels, are sent to England, the weekly shipments averaging from 40,000 to 50,-000 karats. The greatest outlet for stolen diamonds is through the Transvaal to Natal, where they are shipped by respectable merchants.

It is said of the Rhodes interests in the mines that they take good care of their workmen. They have built a nice village called Kenilworth, within the precincts of the mines. In this village are cottages for the white workmen. A clubhouse has here been built for their use and there is a public library. The equipment of the mines is something remarkable. Each mine has ten circuits of electric lamps. They consist of fifty-two arc lamps of 1,000 candle power each, and 691 glow lamps of 16 and 64-candle power each, or a total illuminating power of about 64,000 candles. Thirty telephones are located in each mine and over 100 electric bells to each for signalling. The lives of the workmen are insured and every precaution is taken to make their condition tolerable. The rate of wages runs from $2 to $8 per day, unskilled labor receiving the lower price. What effect the closing of the mines by war will have on the world at large it is hard to say. Diamonds have already risen in price, but there is a large stock on hand in English and French hands. Of course all labor has ceased at Kimberley, and if the Boers get into the mines they may win rich prizes.

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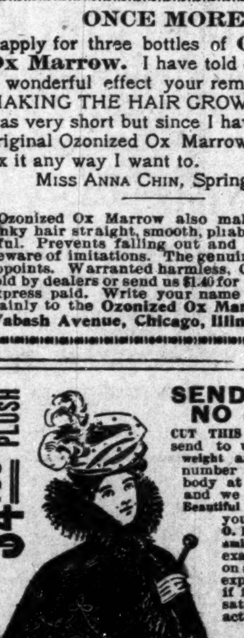

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Miss Hallie Estelle Johnson a popular young lady and a teacher in the city school and Mr. Edw. N. Perkins will be married Dec. 6 at the residence of the bride's parents.

McKernan's new gent's furnishing store at 334 Indiana avenue keeps a complete stock of the latest gents ware at the lowest prices.

Mrs. Pheobe Bartlett a respected citizen and member of Simpson Chapel church died Friday Nov. 24th after a long illness. The funeral occurred from the church Sunday at 2 p. m.

Evelyn Blackburn aged 12 years, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawler, died of consumption at the residence of her parents in Roanoke st. Friday. Miss Evelyn was a member of the Juvenile Evening Star Lodge and also of Second Baptist church.

Mrs. Eliza Burley was granted a divorce from Andrew Burley, Saturday in Judge Leathers Court. The decree was granted on the grounds of cruel treatment and abandonment, the cost of the court being on the defendant.

A reception was given by Mrs. Henry Sullivan in honor of Mr. Solomon 3 Barnes, Wednesday evening at the residence of her sister-in-law, in Talbott avenue. Among those present were the Misses Nettie Smith, Minnie Board, Essie Tucker, Della White Mendinhall, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Powell; Messrs. Austin Robinson, William Simms, Matthew Johnson, Allie Pool, John Dugan, John Wesley, Mr. Mendinhall.

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A GOOD THING.

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Interesting Happenings.

Meredian, Miss., Special.—Rev. J. S. Jackson, T. H. Jones and T. Murray spent the 20th and 21st at Mobile. Mrs. Francis James has returned from New York. At the grand rally at St. Peters Church on the 19th, quite a handsome sum was realized for the church. J. A. Buchanan has re-opened his bakery. On Monday night Nov. 13th, the New Hope Baptist Church met in a special meeting to call a pastor. Rev. Sid Hyman acted as moderator. Five names were put into nomination. Rev. L. S. Lee, of Artesia, moderator of the Second New Hope and Meredian Association was declared Moderator. The pastor, Rev. Lee has been moderator ever since the death of Rev. R. Ramsey. Prof. O. L. Irby left on the 16th for Tougaloo Miss., to attend school. We wish him success. Misses Sadie and Lucky and Master Charlie Harris, left on the 17th for Tougaloo to attend school. Rev. C. L Harris formerly pastor of the 1st Congregational church here but now of Mobile visited his family and friends. He returned on the 18th. Mr. Wash Plump, a well known young man and Miss Julia Jackson were married at New Hope Baptist church, Thursday night, Nov. 16th. The bride was beautifully dressed in white while the groom wore the conventional black. Rev. G. D. Griffin of Pilgrim Progress Baptist church officiated. Mr and Mrs. Plump are domiciled on 10th st and 34th avenue. Bishop J. Small of New York arrived here on the 16th and was the guest of Rev. T. H. Jones. Mr. Ed. Hardy and Miss Lillie Johnson, two of Meredian's popular young people were married at St. Peter, A. M. E. church on Thursday night, Nov. 16th at 8 p. m. Miss Johnnie Saunders played the march. Rev. T. H. Jones officiated. Mr. W. H. G. Carter and Miss Bulah B. Griffin were married at the residence of the bride's parents on 33rd ave. and 13th. street on Friday night, Nov. 10th. at 7 30 Rev. J. E. Carter pastor of St. James A. M. E. church officiated. Mr. Wm. Jackson and Miss Sarah Griffin were married on Tuesday evening Nov. 14, at 7.30 at the home of Mrs. Williams in the West end. Rev. J. E. Carter officiated Rev. J. B. Bonnor, of Mobile, occupied the pulpit at the Pilgrim Progress Baptist Church on Sunday Nov. 19, at 3 and 7.45 p. m.

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In those days I had already published one little thing ("The Jumping Frog") in an Eastern paper, but I did not consider that that counted. In my views, a person who published things in a mere newspaper could not properly claim recognition as a literary person; he must rise away above that; he must appear in a magazine. He would then be a literary person; also, he would be famous—right away. These two ambitions were strong upon me. This was in 1866. I prepared my contribution, and then looked around for the best magazine to go to glory in. I selected the most important one in New York. The contribution was accepted. I signed it "Mark Twain;" for that name had some currency on the Pacific coast, and it was my idea to spread it all over the world now, at this one jump. The article appeared in the December number, and I sat up a month waiting for the January number; for that one would contain the year's list of contributors, my name would be in it and I would be famous and could give the banquet I was meditating.

I did not give the banquet. I had not written the "Mark Twain" distinctly; it was a fresh name to the eastern printers, and they put it "Mike Swain" or "MacSwain," I do not remember which. At any rate, I was not celebrated, and I did not give the banquet. I was a literary person, but that was all—a buried one; buried alive.

My article was about the burning of the clipper-ship Hornet on the line, May 3, 1866. There were thirty-one men on board at the time, and I was in Honolulu when the fifteen lean and ghostly survivors arrived there after a voyage of forty-three days in an open boat, through the blazing tropics, on ten day's rations of food. A very remarkable trip; but it was conducted by a captain who was a remarkable man, otherwise there would have been no survivors. He was a New Englander of the best sea-going stock of the old capable times—Captain Josiah Mitchell.

I was in the island to write letters for the weekly edition of the Sacramento Union, a rich and influential daily journal which hadn't any use for them, but could afford to spend twenty dollars a week for nothing. The proprietors were lovable and well-beloved men; long ago dead, no doubt, but in me there is one person who still holds them in grateful remembrance; for I dearly wanted to see the islands, and they listened to me and gave me the opportunity when there was but slender likelihood that it would profit them in any way.

I had been in the islands several months when the survivors arrived. I was laid up in my room at the time and unable to walk. Here was a great occasion to serve my journal, and I not able to take advantage of it. Necessarily I was in deep trouble. But by good luck his Excellency, Anson Burlingame, was there at the time, on his way to take up his post in China, where he did such good work for the United States. He came and put me on a stretcher and had me carried to the hospital where the shipwrecked men were, and I never needed to ask a question. He attended to all that himself, and I had nothing to do but make the notes. It was like him to take that trouble. He was a great man and a great American, and it was in his fine nature to come down from his high office and do a friendly turn whenever he could.

Western Cattle for Maine.

An attempt on a large scale is soon to be made to stock the abandoned farms of Maine with cattle from the west. The promoters of the scheme claim that cattle raising can be made to pay largely in the state because the cattle would be near to a good shipping point and that the "rundown" farms in Maine could in that way be redeemed. It is understood that leading business men in Boston and New Yark are interested, and that an option has been obtained from the state on a tract of 38,000 acres for the central or experimental station.

The promoters are to furnish farmers with all the steers they can fatten for the market, the profits to be derived from the sales to be divided after the state has received a percentage. Cheap transportation is a feature likely to enter into the scheme, and it is said that the four railroads operating in Maine are to furnish some backing. The number of abandoned farms in Maine grow with each year.

Why Pluto Couldn't Live Long.

When Thomas T. Crittenden was Governor of Missouri he had a colored hostler who was much in awe of his employers. The man was apologetic at trifles but when the Governor's favorite horse died one night the case seemed to be beyond the man's power of palliation. He wandered about the stableyard for a long time, lost in thought. Then going into Crittenden's presence he said: "Guv'nor, that yere black horse, Pluto, ain't a-goin' to live berry long." "What makes you say that, Ben?" asked the Governor in surprise. "Case he am dead."—The Argonaut.

Fad for Perfumery.

Nearly all the so-called "smart set" use perfumery, and recently one prominent Newport woman ordered $50 worth of violet from a leading importer here. This consisted of one dozen bottles of the best violet, which costs $5 an ounce bottle. The importers here frequently have arrive in one steamer 20 boxes of extract, each containing 20 boxes of essence.—New York Journal.

Alcohol For Automobiles.

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German Army Gloves.

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They Know how to Handle Both Rifles and the Artillery.

W. H. Forbes-Townsend, of Liverpool, who is traveling with Mr. Keith, from his own accounts seems to be the English globe-trotter of whom so much has been written, for apparently from his talk he has been in all countries. He spoke most interestingly of the Transvaal, saying: "I spent eight months there just prior to Jameson's famous raid, and became thoroughly familiar with the country and its inhabitants, although I cannot say I ever became intimate with any of them, as the Boers are absolutely the most uncommunicative people I have ever seen. I spent a large part of my time there in Johannesburg, which is a typical mining town, although it has been largely built up and has some very handsome buildings.

"The Boers themselves are very dull mentally, non-progressive and phlegmatic; this last, however, tells in their favor in battle as they do not become in the least excited when under fire. It is a mistake to think they have lost their ability as shots, for they practice marksmanship continually, and are the most expert shots I have ever seen. I myself constantly saw the small Boer boys practice shooting on the veldt, and some of them couldn't have been over 6 years old.

"I also trekked (pronounced treekked) up to the Limpopo River, which is the boundary line between the Transvaal and Matabeleland, for the shooting, which is the finest for both bird and beast I have ever had. I got a pretty good idea of the lay of the country, and it has the most perfect natural defenses in the world. On the Natal border the few passes there are so narrow and of such character, that 40 men can with ease hold themselves against a thousand, and the same is true of all their other frontiers. Then the country from its nature affords a natural second line of defense, for it is made up of successive ranges of mountains, with level plains, or veldts, between, and all the mountains can only be crossed by passes of so difficult a nature as to render it possible for a few men to stand off a large number.

"It is also a mistake to think that the Boers are unable to handle artillery. Young Boers are sent abroad for their education, and large numbers of them have studied in the military schools of France, Germany and even England itself. As in the past, in each company of Boer artillery a number of sharpshooters are told off whose sole duty it will be to pick off the officers of the enemy. These companies number about 100 men each. When we were in San Francisco we met a number of prominent mining men there who have been in the Transvaal and were thoroughly acquainted with the country and the Boers, and their characteristics, and while we all know that in the end Great Britain would undoubtedly conquer, we all agreed that it would nevertheless take her a long time to do it, and that the nut she has set herself to crack is likely to prove far more difficult than most people at present realize."—N. Y. Tribune.

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Prof. Hoffman of the public schools spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Springfield, O.

Mr. J. B. Wanborn, of Richmond, Ind., was married to Miss Jennie Denny of Noble, Ind., Nov. 29.

Rev. Gilliam, P. E. left Wednesday morning on his work to be gone the remainder of the year.

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Charles Smith who come to Indianapolis, from Atlanta, Ga., about three years ago shot and killed his wife Mary last Monday afternoon. Jealousy was the cause.

"The Negro with the hoe; who helps him" by Prof. W. H. Councill of Normal, Ala., is the title of an interesting article that will appear in the Christmas number of The Freeman Dec. 23.

The married ladies' Enterprise Club was entertained last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. H. Odell Hayden 1536 Martindale avenue. Among those present were: Mesdames Ada Passmore, Henry Ferguson, Leroy Mitchell, Mrs. Cook and N. J. Hunter owing to rain all were not present, but they had quite an enjoyable time. One of the most striking feature of the evening was a paper on "House Keeping;" it was full of meaning and well rendered. Their effect is to still a proper conception of domestic affairs.

"Proposed Federal Anti-Lynching Legislation" by Lieut. Ossian Flipper, special agent of the U. S. now stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, will appear in the Christmas number of The Freeman Dec. 23.

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All Around the City.

Meridian, Miss., Special—Rev. L. S. Lee recently called to pastorate New Hope church preached his first sermon Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. The sermon was an instructive one and thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. At night he preached again. The First Missionary Baptist association met at the First Baptist church in its annual session, Friday Nov. 24, with Rev. E. M. Pugh moderator, D. D. Lucion secretary. Short addresses were made and Rev. I. B. Williams. editor of the Baptist Triumph preached an able sermon on the night of the 24th. On the night of the 25th Rev. S. S. Dawson of Wheeling W. Va., preached an eloquent sermon. The attendance was splendid and all had an enjoyable time. The members and friends of the St. John's church gave their pastor a farewell reception on the 27th prior to his leaving for conference. The Educational School board met at New Hope church and transacted business on the 28th. Rev. M. S. Jones preached at the Congregational church Sunday at 11 a. m., and 3 p. m., he preached at the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. S. Jackson of the A. M. E. zion connection lectured to the pupils of the Meridian Academy on Thursday evening Nov. 23. at 4 p. m., at the St. Paul M. E. church. Rev. G. Marsh who has been in the city a few days left the 25th for his home in Mobile. Rev. Marsh represents the Southern Watchman of that place. Rev. T. H. Jones, T. Murray, M. Moore and Wesley Moore and Mrs. I. M. Nichols visited Mobile on the 21st.

Hot Springs News.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special—Mr. John Hoskins, of Texarkana, is in the city recuperating. Mr. R. H. Pleasant has accepted the position as secretary, this season at the Arlington Hotel, under headwaiter St. Clair. Mrs. Prof. Blunt, Rev. J. R. Bennett, S. L. Short and Mrs. R. L. Marsh attended the Baptist State Convention at Texarkana last week, and reported a collection of $3,411 and $2,000 was given to the Arkansas Baptist College at Little Rock out of the collection. The Christian Endeavor Society of Visitors chapel is progressing rapidly. Mrs. Josephine Clardy proprietor of the Hotel Manilla lost her purse last Saturday morning containing $60 and $400 in notes. She will certainly thank the finder if he returns the notes the money he is welcome to it. The entertainment given at Cotrell's Chapel last Tuesday evening under the management of Miss M L. Doner proved to be a grand success. Mr. Joe Grimes left for Pine Bluff last Tuesday morning to visit relatives. The Freeman is the best Negro paper published in the United States, and now we have a few copies of it in the city. So let us as colored citizens patronized a Negro enterprise and know what our race is doing. We would like for every home to have one. The papers are here in the city every Saturday, with Hot Springs news also general news of the United States. Any one wishing The Freeman see B. F. Shaw 309 cottage street. We sold ten copies last Saturday in fifteen minutes. So now subscribe at once. Mr. Will Jones is now on the Arlington Bell-stand, Mr. Temple of the Great Northern secured a copy of The Freeman. Mr. Jeff Ford the headwaiter of the Hotel Pullman has renewed his subscription.

Spicy News Notes.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Mr. A. S. Jones a well-known barber of the city, has organized a band known as the Jones' cornet band made up of experienced players. With the assistance of a good instructor the band will be ready to fill engagements at an early date. Jesse Evans, E. J. Jennings and Edel Turner are now the members of the police force. Under the management of J. H. Erwin, the James Prosser dancing school is having great success. Miss Dollie Evans, daughter of the well known policeman, died Saturday the 11th. She was an estimable young lady and will be greatly missed. She was a member of several societies.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—James Peason is visiting friends and relatives in the city. Mr. J. M. Trigg, alderman of the Fifth ward, will be in the race for alderman January next. Mr. A. S. Jones is highly pleased with his new band and doing all possible to surprise the people in a few days. Prof. Park's orchestra is always in demand and gives great satisfaction. G. W. McDade's two little boys, George and Henry are practicing the cornet and trombone with a view to going East this spring.

A Notable Gathering.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—Mrs. William Scott of New York city, lecturer and missionary for the Baptist Home Mission Society, addressed a large and appreciative audience of the city's best people Friday night Nov. 17, at Eugene st. Baptist Church. This lecture was under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U., and the Y. P. S. C. E.'s An interesting program was rendered during which occurred the addresses of the respective presidents, Mr. Phillip L. Pryer of the former and Miss Virginia Gunn of the latter. Miss Gunn quite surpassed her former efforts at speech making and by reason of her very appropriate remarks and well chosen words together with her pleasing delivery she did credit both to herself and the society. Rev. G. B. Howard, B. D., pastor of the church, presented the speaker of the evening whose effort won for her a warm place in the hearts of her hearers. Mrs. Scott is undoubtedly a living monument to true womanhood and a credit to herself and race.

Died in Faith

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Eliza Rhodes died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Brown, Nov. 11 in this city. Mrs. Rhodes was seventy-four years of age a beloved and respected lady. She leaves four children and a host of other relatives to mourn. A conscientious Christian she died in the full triumph of faith. Years ago Mrs. Rhodes came with her husband, Col. Rhodes and settled here.

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